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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Senior Reclamation Specialist *HCS*

RE: Site Inspection, Body Tody Mine, S/015/040, Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection: April 29, 1993
Time of Inspection: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Conditions: Sunny, cool
Participants: David Taylor, Miracle Rock Mining and Research; Holland Shepherd, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To evaluate the current status of the site. Also, to evaluate the current status of the mill site, in the town of Emery.

Mine Site

The operator had submitted a Large Mine Notice, last year. The Division reviewed the notice and sent a review letter to the operator, but heard nothing afterward. We were concerned that the operator may have further developed the site without additional permit approval from the Division.

The inspection of the mine site, turned up no evidence that the operator has increased the size of the mine operation. The site is essentially the same as evaluated during the last inspection. The file number should be re-established as S/015/040, instead of M/015/040.

According to Mr. Taylor, the deal fell through last year, which would have provided funding to expand the site.

Mr. Taylor did indicate to me that he is planning to strip the top of a knoll, about 400 feet southeast of the portals. He told me that he would notify me with a plan amendment, prior to development.



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Mill Site

I looked at the Miracle Rock mill site, in the town of Emery. Mr. Taylor bags and refines his humic shale product at this site. The mill consists of: silos, vats, storage bins and ore stockpiles. The product texture is very fine, so dust has become a problem. The operator was constructing a water sprinkler system during my inspection. The sprinkler system is to be used to suppress the dust.

I explained to Mr. Taylor that the Division was thinking about having him permit the mill site. We will have to review our policy for mill site inclusion and make a decision. I explained that I would contact him as soon as we made such a decision.

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